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In re Application of)
KNEBEL)
Application No. 09/759,509)
Filed: January 12, 2001)
For: MICROSCOPE ASSEMBLAGE)
DECISION ON PETITION TO
RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY

This is a decision on the petition filed on February 21, 2002, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office action mailed on November 30, 2001, be reset.

The petition is granted to the extent indicated below.

Petitioner has provided a statement that the Office action in question was received at the correspondence address of record on February 1, 2002. The petition includes a copy of the cover sheet of the Office action having a date of receipt of "FEB 01 2002" stamped thereon.

Petitions to reset the period for reply to an Office action due to late receipt of the action are treated in MPEP § 710.06. As set forth in MPEP § 710.06, a petition to restart the previously set period for reply must be filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address. In view of the fact that the Office action was mailed between October 13, 2001 and January 2, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed, this requirement will be waived. Petitioner is advised that any future petition to reset the period for reply to an Office action may not receive favorable consideration unless filed within two weeks of the date of receipt.

In accordance with MPEP § 710.06, the shortened statutory period set forth in the Office action originally mailed on November 30, 2001, is hereby reset to run FROM THE RECEIPT DATE OF February 1, 2002.

Petitioner requests that the Office action be remailed. Since petitioner has received a copy of the Office action, and there is no alleged defect in the Office action itself which would preclude a proper response, the request to remail the Office action is denied.

In view of a request by petitioner to send the Office action to the below indicated address, a

courtesy copy of this Decision is being mailed to petitioner at the below indicated address.¹
Petitioner is advised that in the future, double correspondence with two principal attorneys will
not be permitted.

The application file is being forwarded to the Central Files of Technology Center 2800 to await a
response to the Office action. No fee is required for the petition.



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¹A Change of Correspondence Address requesting that correspondence be mailed to the above indicated address was filed via facsimile transmission on March 28, 2002.